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Nominations to the District Board, Tiruchirappalli, in respect of Pudukkottai area.

*205 *Q.*—SRI N. RAJAGOPALAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) why no nomination was made under the Act of 1949 to the District Board, Tiruchirappalli, in respect of the Pudukkottai area; and

(*b*) whether the Government propose to nominate six members from Pudukkottai area to the Tiruchirappalli District Board at least now?

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI:—" (*a*) It was only in Madras Act I of 1951 that power was taken for Government to nominate members to the district boards from the merged territories concerned. Certain proposals for nominations were considered by Government, but as ordinary elections to district boards from the merged territories and other areas were due in 1952, the nominations were not proceeded with.

" (*b*) As soon as a final decision is reached on the question of postponement of elections to district boards and extending their life the question of nominations will be considered again."

SRI V. V. RAMASAMI:—" May I know, Sir, whether the present Government will consult the hon. Member, Sri A. Ramaswami Thevar, from Tiruchirappalli, if and when they consider the question of nomination to the Tiruchirappalli District Board?"

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI:—" Sir, the Collector of the district is generally consulted and certain names have already been given by the Collector."

L.M.P. Courses.

*206 *Q.*—SRI T. ANANTHA PAI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government propose to consider the question of permitting the starting of L.M.P. courses in the State of Madras;

(*b*) whether the Homœopathic Practitioners are allowed to register themselves as Medical Practitioners;

(*c*) whether the Government will consider the question of providing teaching facilities in Homœopathy in Government institutions; and

(*d*) when the Government expect the extension and repairs to the present buildings of the Government Hospital at Udipi to be completed?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—" (*a*) *to* (*c*) The answer is in the negative.

" (*d*) Steps will be taken to push through the work."

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Sri Y. MANJAYA SHETTY :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Government have received any representation from the General Academy of Education, Udipi, to permit the opening of a Medical School at Udipi and, if so, what steps have the Government taken in the matter? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, some representations have been received from Udipi and the matter has not yet been considered."

Sri T. NAGI REDDI :—" Sir, may I know the reasons why Homœopathy is not being given a place in the scheme of medical education so that it could be given a chance to prove its utility to the people, if it is properly taught to the students? I hear, Sir, that in a number of other States Homœopathy has been given a chance and the Governments have recognized it. Will our Government give a chance to homœopaths and provide teaching facilities in our Medical Colleges? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" The Central Government have constituted a Committee of Enquiry in regard to this subject, Sir, and this Government are awaiting the decisions of the Central Government on the Committee's recommendations. Moreover, if we are to start courses in Homœopathy we must have properly equipped and properly staffed colleges and also Homœopathic hospitals attached to them."

Sri V. CHIDANANDAM :—" Will the Government think of opening any more medical colleges in view of all these replies? " 11-20 a.m.

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" Yes, Sir. Government propose to open Medical Colleges at Guntur and Madurai and they have made provision in the current budget."

Sri PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" May I know, Sir, what are the objections of the Government to register these Homœopathic practitioners as medical practitioners "

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" A large majority of the so-called Homœopathic practitioners have had no sort of training worth the name. They keep a box of medicines and a book and call themselves Homœopathic practitioners. It would be wrong, Sir, to register such people and recognize them as medical practitioners."

Sri R. V. SWAMINATHAN :—" May I know, Sir, whether these Homœopathic practitioners have recently submitted a memorandum to the Government, and whether the Government have considered it? In view of the opinion expressed by the Hon. the Minister for Public Health about the Homœopathic system, may I know, Sir, what is going to happen to the memorandum presented to the Government and to the Homœopathic doctors? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" The Government do not think, Sir, it would be possible to open another course in Homœopathy in the College of Indian Medicine because Homœopathy has nothing to do with Indian Medicine. It is a foreign system."

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SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR:—" May I know, Sir, whether, during the Prakasam Ministry, a Committee was constituted to enquire into the possibility of giving Homœopathic treatment in this State and submit a report? May I also know, Sir, whether the Government have received the report of the Committee and if so, what the Government are going to do with that report? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—" Government have not thought it necessary to take any action on the recommendations made in that report."

SRI B. K. NALLASAMY:—" In view of the fact that doctors possessing the M.B.B.S. degree are not available for rural dispensaries and in view of the fact that L.M.P. and L.I.M. Courses are not to be reintroduced, will the Government consider the question of opening short term courses in Allopathy?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—" Sir, the question of making rural medical relief work effective and of finding men for this work is being considered by the Government. Government are shortly calling a conference of a few medical men to consider this question."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM:—" Although the Government may not agree that Homœopathic system is good or useful, will they at least desist from showing contempt for it in answering questions? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—" I am sorry, Sir, the Leader of the Opposition has misunderstood the answer of the Hon. the Minister for Public Health. The Hon. the Minister for Public Health said that a large number of Homœopathic practitioners had not gone through any course of training which may be genuine or which may be substantial but were simply carrying on with a book and a box of medicines. He made no observations with regard to the system."

Preparation of Ayurvedic medicines.

* 207 *Q.*—SRI K. V. RAMESAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the preparation of Ayurvedic medicines is exempted from the laws of Prohibition; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons for the same?

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER:—" (*a*) The preparation of Ayurvedic medicines, other than those that contain ganja or bhang and asavas and arishtas, are exempted from the laws of Prohibition.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

King George Hospital, Visakhapatnam.

* 208 *Q.*—SRI M. VEERABHADRAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether the Doctors in King George Hospital, Visakhapatnam, are permitted to take consulting fee from the patients?